

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A method for loading and unloading a long-distance transportation means and for temporarily storing cargo in an intermediate storage facility, comprising the steps of:

- a) identifying a cargo of a first long-distance transportation means;
- b) lifting the cargo by a first rail-guided hoist with gripper from the first long-distance transportation means;
- c) transferring the cargo to a predetermined site of a stationary transfer zone;
- d) lowering and depositing the cargo at the predetermined site of the transfer zone;
- e) lifting and automatically transferring the cargo from the predetermined site of the transfer zone by a shiftable and/or telescopic arm of a second rail-guided hoist to a predetermined location in an intermediate storage facility for storage;
- f) lowering and depositing the cargo in the intermediate storage facility;
- g) automatically moving the second hoist to a predetermined location of the intermediate storage facility;
- h) lifting and automatically withdrawing the cargo by the shiftable and/or telescopic arm of the second hoist from the predetermined location in the intermediate storage facility and automatically transferring the cargo to a predetermined location in the transfer zone;
- i) lowering and depositing the cargo in the transfer zone at a corresponding predetermined location on a rail-guided second long-distance transportation means; and
- j) lifting the cargo by the first hoist from the predetermined location in the transfer zone for placement onto [[a]] the corresponding predetermined

location on the [[a]] rail-guided second long-distance transportation means.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the identifying step is executed automatically.
13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the step e) involves a transfer of the cargo to a single-level intermediate storage facility.
14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the step e) involves a transfer of the cargo to a multi-level intermediate storage facility.
15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the step e) involves a transfer of the cargo to a high-rise rack.
16. (Canceled)
17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the step e) includes a horizontal movement of the cargo by the second hoist.
18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the step e) includes a vertical movement of the cargo by the second hoist by means of the shiftable and/or telescopic arm of the second hoist.
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21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the step c) includes a movement of the cargo directly by the first long-distance transportation means across rails of the second long-distance transportation means to the transfer zone.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the step e) includes moving the second hoist substantially along the intermediate storage facility and the second long-distance transportation means.
23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the step e) includes moving the second hoist in parallel relationship to the intermediate storage facility and the second long-distance transportation means.
24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the step h) includes a positioning of the cargo in the transfer zone in accordance with a desired disposition upon the second long-distance transportation means.
25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the second hoist is constructed such as to move the cargo with its center of gravity above a single rail mounted to the ground.
26. (Canceled)
27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein a movement of the cargo by the second hoist and a movement of the second hoist itself are inhibited, when the first hoist is in neighboring disposition of the second hoist.
28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, and further comprising the step of controlling a movement of the second hoist by position transmitters in front of and/or in the intermediate storage facility.
29. (Canceled)
30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the lifting steps b), e), h), j) are realized automatically.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the lowering steps d), f) i) are realized automatically.
32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the cargo is selected from the group consisting of standardized cargo, container, and interchangeable body structure for a highway truck.